

ICC Commissioner Lula Ford Named Vice President of Organization of PJM States

Lula M. Ford, Chicago, has been appointed to a one-year term as vice president of the Organization of PJM States.

PJM Interconnection is a regional transmission organization (RTO) that plays a vital role in the U.S. electric system.

- PJM ensures the reliability of the largest centrally dispatched electric grid in the world by coordinating the movement of electricity in all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.
- PJM, acting neutrally and independently, operates the largest competitive wholesale electricity market in the world.
- PJM manages a sophisticated regional planning process for generation and transmission expansion to ensure future electric reliability.
- PJM facilitates a collaborative stakeholder process. Stakeholders include participants who produce, buy, sell, move and regulate electricity.

The OPSI Board of Directors consists of a representative from each member state's public utility board or commission.

At the heart of OPSI's focus is the critical infrastructure that makes up the interstate electric transmission system.

About the Organization of PJM States, Inc. ("OPSI")

The purpose of OPSI is to act as a liaison group to PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM"), its Board of Managers, and its Market Monitor and to coordinate regulatory relations among the state public utility boards and commissions that oversee utilities within the PJM high voltage electric transmission grid. Those state agencies include the public utility commissions and boards of: Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

PJM manages a regional planning process for generation and transmission expansion to assure future electric reliability. More information regarding OPSI can be found at:

<http://www.opsistates.org/>. PJM's website is at: <http://www.pjm.com/index.jsp>.

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